

# The Knoxville Whig.

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**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.**—The First Annual Festival of the East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad will be given at the Franklin House, on the evening of Dec. 25.

**MASONIC FESTIVAL.**—Master's Lodge, of this city will give a Festival at the Franklin House, on Wednesday the 27th instant.

**DR. HILLMAN,** who had both legs so badly crushed as to make amputation necessary, died on Wednesday last.

**J. T. WILDER,** has contracted with A. P. McDonald, A. A. Wright and Col. R. E. Cross, representatives of English and Canadian capitals, for developing the oil and mineral resources of lands owned by the East Tennessee Union Petroleum and Mining Company. The mineral wealth represented by this organization is a potent guarantee of the speedy building of the Knoxville and Cincinnati Railroad. The company purposes beginning operations at once. Gen. Wilder has control of over three hundred thousand acres of petroleum and mineral lands on the Upper Cumberland. The disposition of these lands will be to further the interests of the Knoxville and Cincinnati road.

In portions of Middle Tennessee rebel grand juries are finding bills of indictment against Union soldiers, officers, and scouts, for exciting orders given to them by General Rosecrans. Such juries deserve to be arrested by the military and confined in the State Prison. We hope it will be done. No doubt a portion of these juries have obtained *jurisdictio* from the President, and the rest of them have the *amicitia causa* in their pockets. Out upon all such traitors!

**Poverty,** and rage, and lawless passions stalk abroad everywhere in Eastern Tennessee.—*Memphis Bulletin*, Dec. 6th.

This latest and slander of "Eastern Tennessee," by a rebel paper at Memphis, is an account of its Unionism. One of its editors is a scamp by the name of *Pund*, who used to hold forth through the Chattanooga Rebel. They are certainly electing with East Tennessee members to vote for their favorite bills.

There are a great many other differences between Gen. Thomas and Brownlow.—*Chat. Gazette*.

It is natural for men, even of the same party, to differ in many things. However much or little General Thomas and Governor Brownlow may differ, they agree precisely in their views as regards *poverty*.

A MEMPHIS paper says:

The bill for the admission of negro testimony has been defeated in the House of Representatives at Nashville. The defeat was done by Radicals of Tennessee.

The bill for the admission of negro testimony has been defeated, but is set for the 16th of January. This statement is about as near the truth as the rebel papers of Memphis ever come.

ANOTHER railroad relief bill has passed the House, by a large majority, and will pass the Senate, relieving our roads from all trouble. The bill for the proportion of State bonds for the relief of some eight different roads was as follows:

Memphis and Charleston.....	\$300,000
Memphis and Clarksville.....	100,000
Nashville and N. W......	300,000
Knoxville and Ky.....	250,000
Wichita and Alabama.....	32,000
East Tennessee and Virginia.....	150,000
Mississippi and Tennessee.....	50,000
Total.....	\$5,625,000

CERAIN rebels of Marshall county, Mississippi, bordering on this state, have notified Northern men who have served in the Union army, a dozen of whom have settled in La Grange, Tennessee, that they will give them until Christmas to leave the State. They are good citizens, and have bought property, but it is alleged that they had fought four years to assist in subjugating the South, and they must leave! This is the spirit of the South—and it is kept down in some instances by the presence of *rebels*—in other cases by considerations of *policy*. They need a company of *agents* to La Grange, and another—a *regional* in Marshall county.

For years to come the chief objects of legislation in Congress and in the States, will be matters growing out of the rebellion. Among these we may enumerate taxation and revenue, indemnity to loyal men, and to rebels falsely claiming to have been loyal for injuries sustained during the war; for the loss of slaves made free, and for slaves to be provided for and protected; rebels to be watched and guarded against; and where rebels have the power, to be oppressed and punished for having opposed secession; pensions for disabled soldiers and aid for loyal families plundered; and aid, under false colors, for rebels. Great frauds will be perpetrated, and false testimony, in volumes, aduced to sustain them and swindle the Government.

The number of rebel prisoners captured and paroled by us during the war, amounted to 329,000. The number of Union prisoners captured by the rebels during the war, is said to have been 157,000. Such is the showing in the War office at Washington. We fed the rebels, and they starved our men. This is the difference between *traitors* and *tyrants*—the one in a bad, the other in a good cause.

The same class of men who denounced Andrew Johnson while Military Governor Brownlow, and the rebel editors who are denouncing the present Governor of Tennessee are the men who fled South and edited rebel sheets at various points, *discrediting* and *destroying* at the approach of the Union army. Governor Brownlow prefers the opposition of all such men to their praise. No such foul-mouthed traitors can abuse him into an apology for their complices in treason and crime, or drive him from the loyal stand he has taken.

Our Corinth, Miss. Enquirer says:

We are much disappointed in the President's message. We had believed that policy, if nothing else could induce him to take stronger and more favorable grounds for the admission of the Southern states.

The President is also disappointed and grieved at the bad faith of the rebels of Mississippi in particular, and of the South in general. When they better, it will be time to call on the President for better treatment.

TEXAS COOPER.—Gen. Brownlow received from the Cooper Mine, two rich copper-bars, weighing twenty-five pounds each. The metal is of the finest quality, and is found in exhausts quantities in Polk county. When the Kentucky railroad is completed to Knoxville, East Tennessee, the career of unscrupulous property. God has blessed the country in this region with rich mines, fertile land, and a balmy climate, brave men and beautiful women. She is strong enough to be a great State herself.—*Press and Times*.

Quarterly Meetings.

The Third Quarterly Meeting for the Knoxville District, Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be held as follows:

Maynardville, Dec. 30th and 31st.

Ridgedale, Cane Spring, Jan. 1st and 14th.

Boggsville, Feb. 27th and 28th.

Tazwell and Powell's Valley, at Mount Zion, Feb. 20th and 21st.

Jackson, Feb. 17th and 18th.

Clinton, Feb. 24th and 25th.

P. S. A change in the time of holding the Holston Conference renders the above changes necessary.

THOMAS H. PEAKIN, Presiding Elder.

Athen's District.

The third round of Quarterly Meeting for Athens District, is as follows:

Athen's Circuit, Dec. 16th and 17th.

Athen's Circuit, Dec. 23rd and 24th.

Philipsburg Circuit, Dec. 30th and 31st.

Madisonville Circuit, Jan. 6th and 7th.

Kingston Circuit, Jan. 20th and 21st.

Montgomery Circuit, Jan. 27th and 28th.

J. ALBERT HYDE, Presiding Elder.

## Tribute Extraordinary.

Among the many "rich and rare documents" we receive for publication, the following is the most "amusing" and can scarcely be surpassed by "A. Ward." For the accommodation of the writer, we insert it, and give it to our readers verbatim of iteration of punctuation:

PARSON W. G. BROWNE.

Dear Parson  
Will you allow me to speak my respects through your valuable paper for the deceased friends, who have filled so honorable graves, if so you will accommodate my feelings very much. This being the first letter I ever write for publication, you will please excuse my errors.

God's infinite goodness we should be! But, human nature is so wicked, so base, & so humiliating that we can not hardly submit to the Omnipotent & Omnipotent will of the Great Jehovah!—The Author & Finisher of our assuming & unworthy existence, how far we should be from commanding in our imperfect will the All-wise & never-ending Ordainer's will! Good! Who rules all things?—The blessed, the Great Author of time & all of its attributes—saw fit, in His august Head Quarters to issue an Order, for several of us unworthy beings to return to Him!—Who gave us our existence, now the question is—who is entitled to the authorship of the great work?—The author of the Great Trial of a just God?—The author of the yearly mortality of the globe?—This is at the rate of 323,333,333 persons. This is at the rate of 96 per day, and one in 100 lives to 60.

Married men live longer than single ones. There are 3,642 languages spoken and 1,000 different religions.

The average of human life is 33 years.

One fourth of the population dies at or before the age of 7 years—one half at or before 27 years.

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Those who devote their lives to the prolongation of that of others die the sooner.

There are 335,000,000 Christians.

5,000,000 Israelites.

60,000,000 Asiatic religions.

200,000,000 Pagans.

In the Christian churches:

176,000,000 profess the Greek faith.

80,000,000 profess the Protestant.

The RELEASE of JOHN MITCHEL.—The London Morning Star makes these remarks on the release of John Mitchell by President Johnson:

We feel it to be an act of unkindness to the Fenian disturbers of the peace, and a proceeding calculated to make us less confident in the interference of the United States Government that must & rased you. Dear Uncle, I know how to appreciate your feelings, as well as many others in those nurturing places of death, for I had the infatuation of placing myself in the hands of those who would do me harm. Dear Uncle! Oh! I wish you was alwys to talk to me. You talked & advised me so kind & affectionate.

No, I shall never forget it; also you taught your Sons patriotism & loyalty to the great & good Government of the United States of America. Fond memories, how alwyas you entreated about my health. You spartain yourself to gratify their foolish people and their vanity. As the openly avowed object of the organization of Irishmen which solicited Mitchell's release was to promote hostilities against England, the proper course for the Chief Magistrate of a friendless power was either to refuse to recognize them at all, or to show his entire disapprobation of their organization and its aims.

The exigencies of the political situation may make it desirable to secure the support of the Irish element to the Administration.

The industriously circulated story that Mr. Seward had given the information to the British Government which led to the arrest of the Fenian pioneers may require to be put down by an executive act of a different tendency—but no thoroughly friendly Government could afford to do so.

Dear Aunt—great Aunt—you have quit the world of this cruel world & left to mourn your absence; three intelligent Sons & two affectionate & quite a number of lovely and bright-eyed grand children. Dear Aunt your off-springs make up a picture of beauty & happiness. Your race & duty will, well here in this healing-wilderness, as an affectionate spouse towards a industrious Husband. You have occupied that high & exalted position that so few fill so well in the world as you did. That position that I refer to is that of Auntie. Called her "Auntie" because she is the only one of us who has been able to fill it so well. Dear Aunt—great Aunt—you have quit the world of this cruel world & left to mourn your absence; three intelligent Sons & two affectionate & quite a number of lovely and bright-eyed grand children. Dear Aunt your off-springs make up a picture of beauty & happiness. 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